

REMARKS

Upon reviewing the allowed claims, certain errors were identified in the allowed dependent claims. This Amendment under Rule 312 amends those claims for clarity.

This amendment also proposes new dependent claims, namely Claims 44-50. New Claims 44-47 parallel Claims 2, 4-5, and 14 while new Claims 48-50 parallel Claims 16-17, and 19. The proposed amendments do not add any new matter, nor should they require any additional search.

In addition, Claim 43 is cancelled without prejudice to the filing of a continuation/divisional application.

Entry and acceptance of the amended claims and allowance of new Claims 44-50 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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